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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Father Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, will now offer the prayer.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, offered the following prayer:

In Psalm 113 we hear David sing:  
Praise you servants of the Lord praise  
the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord both  
now and forever.

From the rising to the setting of the  
sun is the name of the Lord to be  
praised.

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens is his glory  
Who is like the Lord, Our God, who is  
enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the  
earth below?

He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the  
poor  
To seat them with princes, with the  
princes of his own people.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we give You thanks  
for the many and varied ways You have  
blessed the men and women who serve  
in the Senate. We ask now, Lord, that  
they may do Your will in all things and  
so remain close to You.

Lord, Your presence is found where  
unity and love prevail; grant that they  
may strive to work together in har-  
mony and peace.

We acknowledge that God is the  
strength and protector of his people;  
grant, Lord, to the Members of the  
Senate the strength and courage they  
need to serve the people of the United  
States.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LARRY CRAIG, a  
Senator from the State of Idaho, led  
the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the  
United States of America, and to the Repub-  
lic for which it stands, one nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr.  
VOINOVICH). The Senator from Wash-  
ington.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, today  
the Senate will immediately resume  
consideration of the second-degree  
Bryan-Wyden amendment regarding  
the Forest Service budget. By agree-  
ment, a vote on or in relation to that  
amendment will take place at 10:30  
a.m. Further amendments to the Inter-  
ior appropriations bill are expected  
throughout today's session. Senators,  
therefore, can expect votes throughout  
the day in anticipation of completing  
action on the bill. It is expected that  
the Senate will have approximately 2  
hours of debate on S.J. Res. 33, with a  
vote on final passage during today's  
session, with the time to be determined  
by the two leaders.

For the remainder of the week, the  
Senate is expected to begin consider-  
ation of the Transportation appropri-  
ations bill.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I just  
read a text that was submitted to me.  
I am going to offer what I hope is a  
slight correction to that for the benefit  
of all Senators. I believe, as manager of  
the bill, it is highly possible there are  
only two other unresolved matters in  
connection with the Interior appropri-  
ations bill. One is, of course, this Bryan-

Wyden amendment that will be voted  
on in about 1 hour. The other is cloture  
on the Hutchison amendment. There  
was a vote on that cloture last night. It  
failed, but it seemed to have failed pri-  
marily by reason of absent Senators.  
The majority leader moved to recon-  
sider and, of course, can bring up that  
motion at any time.

As manager of the bill, I do not know  
of any other amendments that will re-  
quire rollcall votes. It does not mean  
there might not be one or two, but I do  
not know of any others. We now have  
two managers' amendments ready: one  
dealing with legislative matters and  
one dealing with money matters, but I  
hope we will have settled all other out-  
standing issues in connection with the  
bill. In any event, if there are Senators  
who wish to bring up amendments that  
they reserved way back in August with  
respect to the bill that are not settled  
in these two managers' amendments, I  
certainly urge them to come to the  
floor and to be prepared to present  
them immediately after the 10:30 vote  
on the Bryan-Wyden second-degree  
amendment.

With that, Mr. President, I see Sen-  
ator WYDEN present, I see Senator  
CRAIG present, and so we are ready for  
debate.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under  
the previous order, the Senate will now  
resume consideration of H.R. 2466,  
which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk (Mary Anne Clarkson)  
read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations  
for the Department of the Interior and re-  
lated agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-  
tember 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

#### Pending:

Gorton amendment No. 1359, of a technical  
nature.

Hutchison amendment No. 1603, to prohibit  
the use of funds for the purpose of issuing a

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